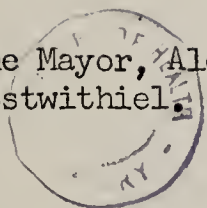


To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of  
Lostwithiel.



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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report  
on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough of  
Lostwithiel for the year ended 31st December, 1962.

As you all know your Medical Officer during  
1962 was Dr. J. Turner, I only took up duty in the latter period  
of 1963 and therefore will make little comment on the figures but  
leave them to speak for themselves.

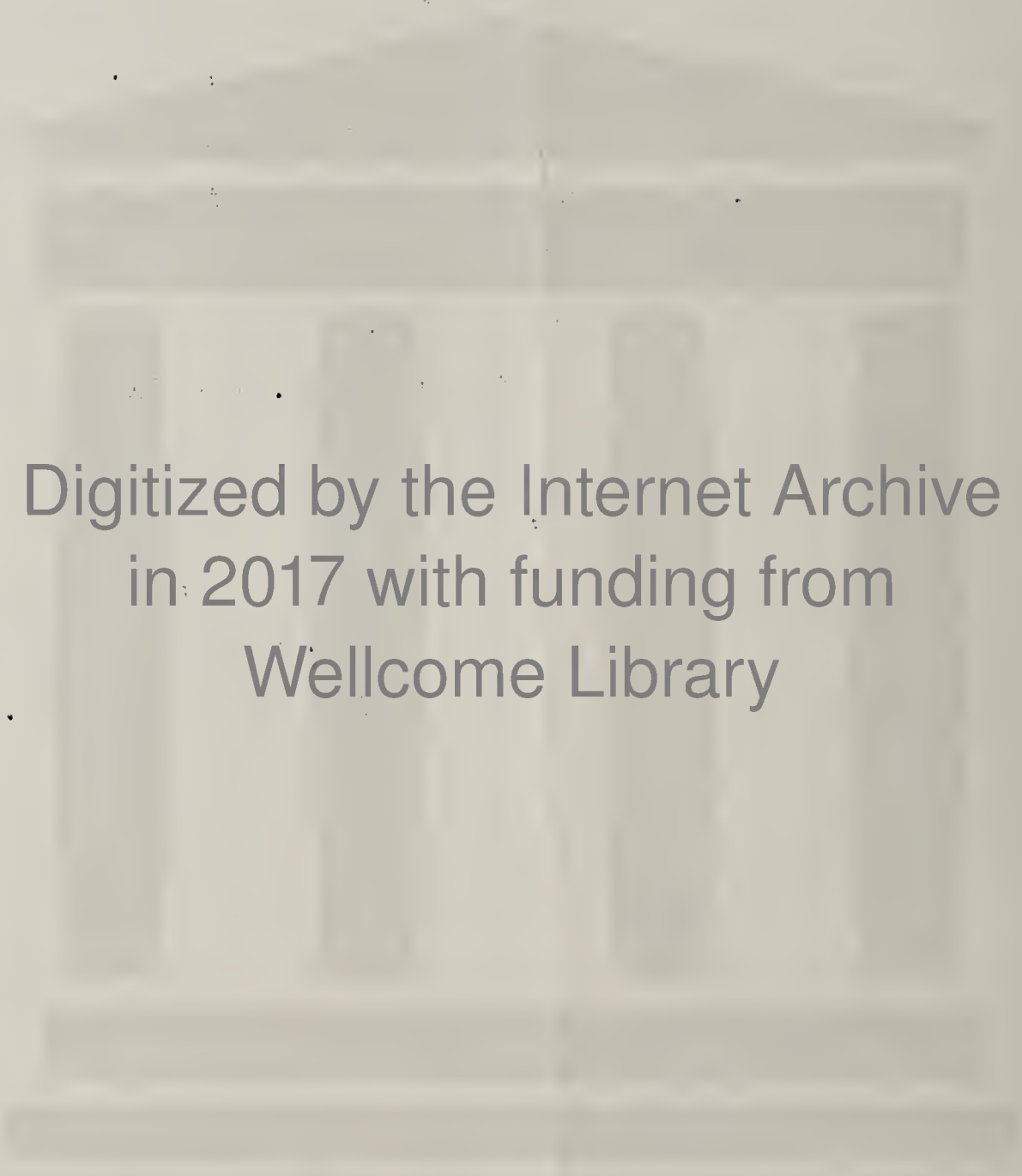
I am indebted to Mr. Setchell for parts of  
the report.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. McGOVERN

Medical Officer of Health.



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Area (in acres)	3050
Population (estimated mid-year)	1900
Number of Inhabited Houses	776
Rateable Value	£21,118
Produce of a Penny Rate	£84

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

				<u>Rate per 1,000 Population</u>	
<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Lostwithiel</u>	<u>England and Wales</u>
Legitimate	19	11	)		
Illegitimate	1	1	)	32	
Corrected for Comparison with other areas				18.98	18
<u>Illegitimate Births</u> Percentage of the Total Births				6.25	
<u>Still Births</u>	Nil.				
Rate per 1,000 total live and Still births				Nil	18.1
Total live and Still births 20 (m) 12 (f)				32	
<u>Infant Deaths</u> (under 1 year)				Nil	
Rate per 1,000 total live Births				Nil	21.6
Legitimate Infant deaths per 1,000 live Births				Nil	
Illegitimate deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births				Nil	
<u>Neo-Natal Mortality Rate</u> (Deaths under 4 weeks)					
Rate per 1,000 live births				Nil	15.1
<u>Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate</u> (Deaths under 1 week)					
Rate per 1,000 live births				Nil	
<u>Peri-natal Mortality Rate</u> (Still births and deaths under 1 week)					
Combined per 1,000 total live and Still births				Nil	30.8
<u>Maternal Mortality</u>				Nil	0.35

Rate per 1,000 Population

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>		
All Causes	12	13	25	13.15	
Corrected for Comparison with other areas				8.68	11.9

CAUSES OF DEATHS

The following table gives the causes of death in accordance with the International Abbreviated List (1948)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	-
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	-	-
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	-	-
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	3
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	1	1
19. Hypertension with heart disease	-	-
20. Other heart disease	3	5
21. Other circulatory disease	-	1
22. Influenza	-	-
23. Pneumonia	1	1
24. Bronchitis	3	-
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	1
33. Motor vehicles accidents	-	-
34. All other accidents	1	1
35. Suicide	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-
Totals	12	13

The following short table gives the numbers of those dying in the age groups indicated :-

Age Groups

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
0 - 1 year	-	-
1 - 59 years	2	-
60 - 69 years	3	2
70 - 79 years	5	6
80 - 89 years	1	5
90 and over	1	-
Totals	12	13

SECTION A

Lostwithiel is a quiet country town set in pleasant surroundings in the valley of the Fowey River. The town has many historic associations and has some very well preserved buildings. The only industry of any consequence is the milk depot.

There is a considerable rise in the population during the summer months caused by the influx of visitors.

SECTION B

General Provisions of Health Service

Public Health Officers :

- (1) Medical Officer of Health, J.G.S. Turner; M.B., B.Sc., D.P.H. Area Health Office, Moorland Road, St. Austell. Telephone - St. Austell 2206.
- (2) Public Health Inspector, C.A.L. Setchell, A.M.I.S.E., M.R.S.H.

Laboratory Facilities

These are available at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro where all material is sent for investigation.

Diphtheria Prophylaxis

Supplies of diphtheria prophylactic alone, and in various combinations with whooping cough vaccine and tetanus toxoid are available at the Area Health Office. Poliomyelitis vaccine has been readily available and is issued on request.

Ambulance Facilities

The control of ambulances has passed from the Area Health Office to a special control centre at Bodmin. There will be no change in availability and the method of obtaining an ambulance is unchanged.

Nursing in the Home

There is one District Nurse, Midwife-Health Visitor, who is able to cope with all demands.

### Home Help

This service has worked well and thanks are due to Mrs. Mayell who administers the service.

One maternity case was helped.

### Maternity and Child Welfare

There is no clinic but as the Nurse visits regularly in the home, the health of the children is well supervised.

### Hospitals

There are no hospitals in the area and patients are sent to St. Austell, Bodmin, Fowey, Truro and Redruth. Patients with infectious diseases are sent to Truro Isolation Hospital when necessary.

## SECTION C

### Water Supply

The Council's water improvements scheme was completed at the end of December, and draw off from the Fowey River Scheme enables adequate supplies of water to be furnished to all parts of the Borough. The amount taken daily from the River Fowey is however found to considerably exceed the anticipated quantity of 60,000 gallons, and in August the daily average amounted to 106,250 gallons.

Samples of water have been taken at frequent intervals from various points on the distribution system during the year as follows :-

No. of samples	37
Results satisfactory	33
Results unsatisfactory	4

Of the 4 samples found not up to standard, all were from faulty taps and subsequently improved.

### Sewerage

Further consideration of the scheme for improvement of sewers and sewage disposal for the Town was held in abeyance.

## SECTION D

### Housing

Informal notices and interview with owners secured necessary repairs in 52 instances.

### Provision of Dustbins

Early in the year a survey of receptacles in use for house refuse was made, and in consequence 108 informal notices were served on occupiers requesting them to provide a galvanised iron sanitary dustbin. In June 22 statutory notices were served on those persons who failed to provide proper bins, and all these were subsequently complied with.

### Old People's Flats, Mill Gardens

In November the Contractor's started work on the erection of twelve old people's flats which it is anticipated will be ready for occupation in September of next year.

Housing Improvements

Not enough use is being made by property owners of the provisions and assistance available by way of Improvement Grants. During the year 10 applications for Standard Grants were made and approved.

Housing - for year ended 31st December 1962, Lostwithiel Borough

1. (a) Total number of permanent houses at 31st December 1962 693  
(b) Total number of permanent houses owned by Local Authority at 31st December 1962 109
2. (a) New houses erected :-  
(i) by local authority Nil  
(ii) by private enterprise 4  
(b) Number of applicants on housing list at the end of year 53
3. Number of houses specially provided for, and occupied by, people of pensionable age Nil  
(a) Receiving contribution from County Council for Welfare Services Nil  
(b) Other houses Nil
4. Houses demolished :  
(a) in clearance areas :  
(i) Houses unfit for human habitation Nil  
(ii) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc. Nil  
(iii) Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1947 Nil  
(b) Not in clearance areas :  
(i) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 16 or Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957 Nil  
(ii) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health Nil  
(iii) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under Local Acts Nil  
(iv) Unfit houses included in unfitness Orders Nil
5. Unfit houses closed :  
(a) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 Nil  
(b) Under Sections 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957 Nil  
(c) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957 Nil

6. Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied :

	<u>By Owner</u>	<u>By Local Authority</u>
(a) After informal action by local Authority	48	Nil
(b) After formal notice under :-		
(i) Public Health Acts	3	Nil
(ii) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act 1957	1	Nil
(c) Under Section 24 Housing Act 1957	Nil	Nil

7. Unfit houses in temporary use (Housing Act 1957) :

(a) Retained for temporary accommodation :	
(i) Under Section 48	Nil
(ii) Under Section 17 (2)	Nil
(iii) Under Section 46	Nil
(b) Licensed for temporary occupation under Section 34 or 53	Nil

8. Purchase of houses by agreement :

Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed clearance orders or compulsory purchase orders, purchased during the year	Nil
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9. Housing Acts 1949-1959

Improvement Grants :

(a) Discretionary :

Number of applications received - dwellings	2
Number of applications approved - dwellings	1
Total expenditure approved	£250
Total amount of grants made	£50

(b) Standard :

Number of applications received - dwellings	10
Number of applications approved - dwellings	10
Total expenditure approved	£4310
Total amount of grants made	£605

SECTION E

Meat and other foods :

Slaughtering is carried on at rare intervals in the only owner/occupier licensed slaughterhouse, where the standard of the animals dealt with is extremely high and during the year this finally ceased. The bulk of the meat sold in the area is obtained from wholesalers.

MEAT INSPECTION 1962

	<u>Cattle</u>			<u>Sheep and Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Others</u>		
Number killed	Nil	Nil	19	Nil	11
Number inspected	Nil	Nil	19	Nil	11
All diseases except cysticercosis and tuberculosis :					
(a) Whole carcase condemned	-	-	Nil	-	Nil
(b) Carcase of which some part or organ condemned	-	-	Nil	-	Nil
Tuberculosis only :					
(a) Whole carcase condemned	-	-	Nil	-	Nil
(b) Carcase of which some part or organ condemned	-	-	Nil	-	1
Cysticercosis only :					
(a) Whole carcase condemned	-	-	Nil	-	Nil
(b) Carcase of which some part or organ condemned	-	-	Nil	-	Nil
Gross weight of meat condemned	-	-	Nil	-	9lbs

Other foods

Tinned and other goods are inspected upon request from retailers, and are properly dealt with - small quantities are condemned from time to time as a result of decomposition or damaged tins.

Milk

Periodic visits are made to the three milk retailers in the Town whose premises are quote satisfactory - bottled milk only being sold as it is received from the bottling establishment.

Cafes, Restaurants and Food Catering Premises

Visitis of inspection are regularly made to all food preparing premises and in general the standard of the cleanliness is satisfactory.

# SECTION F

## Prevalence of and control over infectious and other diseases

The following notifications were received :-

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Number of cases during 1962</u>
Measles	36
Pneumonia	1

## Diphtheria Immunisation

The following tables gives the number of immunisations carried out during the year.

Children born during the year								
	1962	61	60	59	58	57-53	52-48	Total
Primary Immunisation	8	14	1	-	1	1	-	25
Reinforcing Injections	-	-	-	-	-	29	40	69

These figures show a satisfactory level of group immunity.  
Smallpox Vaccination

129 Primary Vaccinations carried out  
and  
111 Revaccinations performed.

## Vaccination against Poliomyelitis

Poliomyelitis vaccine is available. Needless to say the oral vaccine has replaced the Salk vaccine. This, however, is an advantage since the oral vaccine gives a very high degree of protection.

## Tuberculosis

The number of cases on the register is given below with the previous year's figures in brackets -

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Pulmonary	5 (5)	5 (4)
Non-Pulmonary	Nil	1 (1)

One new case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified - a female aged 46 years.

There were no deaths from tuberculosis.

## Tuberculosis Prevention in Children

For some years the Cornwall County Council has offered protective vaccination against tuberculosis to school levers. The vaccinations is carried out by means of B.C.G. vaccine, to suitable children, following preliminary skin testing. In 1962 the Scheme was extended to the 12 year and 13 year old groups. In Health Area

IV 961 school children received B.C.G. vaccination following skin tests to 1203 children. It is more convenient to give the figures for the Health Area IV than for the Borough of Lostwithiel alone, since there is considerable interchange of pupils from one district to another.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of the Factories Acts 1937 and 1948

PART I OF THE ACT

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number of</u>			
	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	18	21	2	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	5	6	Nil	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	-	-	-
Total	23	27	2	Nil

2. Cases in which defects were found  
(If defects are discovered at the premises on two; three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Number of cases in which defects were found</u>				<u>Number of cases in which pros- ecutions were instituted</u>
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred</u>		
			<u>To H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>By H.M. Inspector</u>	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	Nil	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventil- ation (S.4)	Nil	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conven- iences (S.7)	Nil	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	Nil	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	Nil	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	-	-	-	-

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Number of cases in which defects were found</u>				<u>Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</u>
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred</u>		
			<u>To H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>By H.M. Inspector</u>	
b/f.	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-Work)	Nil	-	-	-	-
Total	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil

PART VIII OF THE ACT

(Outwork)

(Sections 110 and 111)

Section 110

Section 111

<u>Nature of Work</u>	<u>No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 110 (1)(c)</u>	<u>No. of cases of default sending lists to Council</u>	<u>No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists</u>	<u>No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises</u>	<u>Notices served</u>	<u>Prosecutions</u>
Wearing ) Making apparel ) etc.						
) clean-	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
) ing and						
) washing						
Household linen -						
Lace, lace curtains and nets -						
Curtains and furniture hangings -						
Furniture and upholstery -						
Electro-plate -						
File making -						
Brass and brass articles -						
Fur pulling -						
Iron and Steel cables and chains -						
Iron and Steel anchor and grapnels -						
Cart gear -						
Locks, latches and key -						
Umbrellas, etc. -						
Artificial flowers -						
Nets other than wire nets -						
Tents -						
Sacks -						
Racquet and tennis balls -						
Paper bags -						
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or						

<u>Nature</u> <u>of work</u>	<u>No. of out-</u> <u>workers in</u> <u>August list</u> <u>required by</u> <u>Section 110</u> <u>(1) (c)</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>cases of</u> <u>default</u> <u>in sending</u> <u>lists to</u> <u>Council</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Prosec-</u> <u>utions</u> <u>for failure</u> <u>to supply</u> <u>lists</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>instan-</u> <u>ces of</u> <u>work in</u> <u>unwhole-</u> <u>some</u> <u>premises</u>	<u>Notices</u> <u>served</u>	<u>Prose-</u> <u>cutions</u>
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partially of  
paper -  
Brush making -  
Pea picking -  
Feather sorting -  
Carding etc. of  
buttons etc. -  
Stuffed toys -  
Basket making -  
Chocolates and  
sweetmeats -  
Cosaques, Christ-  
mas stockings etc. -  
Textile weaving -  
Lampshades -

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2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
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